

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 17-38 are pending. Claims 17-36 are withdrawn. Claims 37-38 are previously presented.

Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants have corrected the status identifier of claims 37 and 38 to indicate that they were previously presented with the amendment mailed on April 23, 2004.

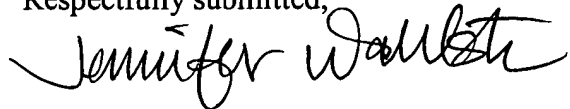
Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group III. Claims 37 and 38 read on the elected group. The invention claimed by Applicants arises out of a common inventive concept or idea. Searching the claims as filed in their entirety would place no undue burden on the Examiner. Applicants also wish to remind the examiner that when composition claims are allowed, under MPEP 821.04, method claims must be rejoined.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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